

Charles W. Phifer, their fifth child, was sent to school and prepared for college. His father, now living in Mississippi, sent Charles to the University of North Carolina. His proficiency at school was so marked that he was given a bright future. At the university he distinguished himself and was the first in his class. He only remained at the university about two years, when he was sent to West Point. Here he graduated, and on leaving that institution received a commission as Lieutenant of Dragoons in the United States Army, and joined the Southern Army, in the War Between the States, as captain. At the battle of Shiloh he was distinguished for gallantry, and was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General, in the "Army of the Mississippi." He was the youngest general in the Confederate Army, and for bravery and generalship was often mentioned. In personal appearance he is a handsome man. Through the whole State in which he lives, he is known for his good looks and affable manners.

George Alexander Phifer, born 1796, died 1868, married Elizabeth Beard, who was born —, died 1865.

George Alexander Phifer, the third child of Paul Phifer, was born at his father's house, "Red Hill," in the year 1796. He was sent to school near home, with his elder brother, John N. With his brother, John N., he went to the University of North Carolina, and graduated the same year. When he returned home he followed the pursuit of farming, on land given him by his father. Here he built a house, 'tis situated on the road leading from Charlotte to Salisbury, and half a mile from the home place. The house still stands, and was an extraordinarily good building for those days. Large oak trees stand in the yard. The house might be called three stories high, for the first floor, which is built of brick, is eight feet high, the rest is wood. Large broad steps lead to the entrance, and a fine, wide hall, with high old ceiling, runs through the house. About the year 1835 he, together with his brother John N., and other relatives, moved to Bedford county, Tennessee. Here he remained for